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Dewitt residents shoot down new hotel on South I-94 Service Dr.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

A group of about 40 residents from Dewitt Street and surrounding area attended a neighborhood meeting at Van Buren Township Hall last Thursday with the developer of a proposed hotel -- and convinced him to go away.

"You're saving me a lot of money and a lot of hassle," said Bharat Patel who had planned to invest \$6 million in a four-story hotel on the South I-94 Service Drive at Dewitt.

That was before the residents began a one-hour, angry, verbal assault on the project.

The last time that parcel was scheduled for development was when Tucker Insurance wanted to construct an office building

there. Dewitt residents bragged that they got him to go away, too.

VBTPanning and Economic Development Director Ron Akers explained that a couple of months ago the township board passed a public participation process that offers communication between residents and a developer before a project starts.

He said there has been nothing filed with the township on the hotel yet and the developer wants to hear the residents' comments before putting the final details together, so their desires could be part of the final plan.

Director Akers said the parcel is zoned C-1 and C-2, which includes hotel by right.

Before Patel could speak of his plans, a woman asked how many hotels were in
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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Sumpter Township Police Sgt. Chris McGlynn, right, was honored by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees for his 27 years of service to the community on the occasion of his May 31 retirement. From left, Supervisor John Morgan and Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke present him with gifts to mark the occasion. McGlynn now works for the Dundee Police Department.

School Board approves first step in bond issue ballot question in Nov.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

The first step in a plan to put a \$35,490,000 bond issue question on the November ballot was approved at Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said the bond issue will not cost taxpayers any more than what they have been paying, since the bonds to build the high school have been re-financed.

If the bond issue doesn't pass, voters would get a reduction in their millage from the 2.98 mills they had been paying for the 2009 bonds totaling \$79 million to build the new Belleville High School.

The 95-page Preliminary Qualification Application for Bond Recommendation that was passed by the board will go immediately to the board's attorney at Thrun Law Firm and he will take it to the Treasury Department, which has 30 days to

approve or deny, Supt. Kudlak said.

He expected the board to vote to put it on the ballot at its next meeting on July 29.

Board vice president Susan Featheringill said the board did refinancing of the \$79 million bonds for the BHS building and so it will be paying less in bond payments. The 2.98 mills taxpayers are paying will not drop and the difference in what is needed will pay for the new bonds.

Supt. Kudlak said the new bond money will pay for major renovations to Tyler and Savage schools, which are 40 years old, and to Owen and McBride, to keep all the buildings going.

"After we officially put it on the ballot, we will set more information sessions," Kudlak said. "We don't want to do this until after Treasury approves."

The sample bonding proposal in the board packet said the new bond money would be used for: "erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new early childhood center;

remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping existing school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields, and sites."

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2020 is .78 mill (\$.078 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mills net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years of the bonds would be 30 years.

Under state law these bond proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Approved the proposed \$53 million general fund budget for the 2019-20 school year, with the unassigned fund balance expected to be down to \$2.967 million (6%) on June 30, 2020. This unassigned fund balance was used to cover \$1.67 million in excess expenses over revenue. A public hearing on all the district budgets was held at 6 p.m. before the regular 7 p.m. board meeting. Finance Director Sara Cortese explained the budgets and stated

the 2019 millage rates of: General Fund -- 18 mills, Debt Service Fund -- 2.98 mills, and Sinking Fund -- .4911 mills;

- Approved the amended 2018-19 budget of \$53.98 million, with \$937,704 total expenses over revenue;

- Approved a two-year contract with the Van Buren Association of Education Secretaries, that increases to five the Act of God Days, joins the same insurance plan as the administrators which gives them 30 cent hourly pay raises this year and next, \$1,000 bonus for joining this insurance group, the addition of Election Day as the 11th paid holiday, longevity bonuses, and others;

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

City Council to gather details on assessment for public safety

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council is considering a proposal to levy a millage assessment on property in the city to raise money needed to provide police and fire services.

At its regular meeting on June 17, the council backed off setting a public hearing on the proposal until it could talk with police and fire department heads and know exactly how this money would be used.

Based on a taxable valuation of \$88.5 million, the city's property tax revenue would increase by \$88,536 for each mill assessed. By law the city can levy up to 20 mills – 10 mills for operating and 10 mills for capital -- and this millage is not subject to DDA capture.

The proposal was first discussed at the June 3 city council meeting. It was suggested it would take about 1.21 mills to run the police and fire departments, along with some capital purchase money.

The millage would have to be voted on by the council each year.

Kelly Howey of Plante Moran said this procedure is explained in Public Act 33 of 1951. She passed out copies of the law to council members for them to study.

"We have a timeline to go on," said City Manager Diana Kollmeyer. "It would need to be done by September" to get on the winter tax bill. She suggested setting a public hearing for the second meeting in July. She noted Plante Moran was in support.

"It would only be used for police and

fire," City Manager Kollmeyer said.

Councilman Tom Fielder said the council has to be specific when talking to the public and say, "Here's what we're going to spend your money on ... Define it before we get to the meeting."

Howey said the millage for the city used to be 18.126 and now, with rollbacks, residents are paying 16.5 mills.

Councilman Jesse Marcotte asked if this could be put to a vote of the people and Howey said some of her clients have done that, but it is not required.

Councilman Marcotte said he wouldn't want to have the council vote on the proposal the same night as the public hearing, so there would be time to think about it.

Howey said Nov. 15 is the "drop-dead" date for the proposal to be on the tax roll and Sept. 30 would be a good date to wrap up all the taxes.

"Would you like to set a public hearing?" Kollmeyer asked.

Councilman Fielder said he first would like a conversation with department heads. He said if they have to have a decision by September, they should take action in August.

"I wouldn't like to face the public until we're all on the same page," Mayor Kerreen Conley said.

"Could we get a general blueprint by August?" Fielder asked and Howey said they could have it right away and take the police and fire capital budgets as a good start.

Mayor Conley said if the city commits to a lease, "What if we don't get it [the assessment] the next year ... I think I'd like a lot more dialogue."

Fire Chief Brian Loranger said at \$25,000 put aside each year, it would take a while to get a fire truck.

Mayor Conley suggested this could be discussed at a meeting that has a light agenda, but not the July 1 meeting. Fielder announced he will not be at that meeting.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved the request of the GELC union to close city hall on Friday, July 5, with union members taking a vacation day or personal day. Fielder said over the years Kollmeyer has taken pride that city hall is open when other municipalities close their doors. "It has to be pretty stinking cold in winter before we close city hall," Kollmeyer said. "This is where people come when there is an emergency";

- Passed a resolution approving the permit process for city businesses to have individual sidewalk sale promotions, beginning June 18 and continuing each Friday and Saturday through Oct. 26, to begin not earlier than 8 a.m. and ending no later than 8 p.m.;

- Approved fiscal year 2018-19 budget amendments that give no change to the bottom line;

- Approved the closing of High Street from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 4 for Grace Baptist Church's annual Fourth of July Picnic. Pastor Robert White said this is the

32nd year for the event. Sixty participants are expected;

- Approved accounts payable of \$110,350.05 and the following purchase in excess of \$500: to Western Wayne County Fire Dept. Mutual Aid Association, \$2,439.01 for annual dues;

- Heard a report from Parks and Recreation Commission chairwoman Laura Nichols on needs of Village Park, Horizon Park, and Victory Park;

- Heard Building Official Rick Rutherford say that he can order the new synthetic rope for Horizon Park once the council gives the OK. The council approved the move. Kollmeyer said there is a resident of the community willing to pay for it all. Rutherford said he solicited bids and Pioneer Landscaping was the only bid with a cost of \$800 and the labor to install pretty much the same. The cost of the regular rope had been \$3,600, he said. Mayor Conley asked if the posts couldn't be sanded and cleaned up and something put on them to make them last longer. Rutherford said they could go with a transparent sealer. The summer youth employees may be able to help with this. Mayor Conley suggested the youth might also be able to help seniors who need one-time help with their yards; and

- Heard Kollmeyer say there are virtually no funds in the budget for the veterans' monument and they are hoping to use CDBG funds and work in conjunction with Van Buren Township and possibly Sumpter Township.

District Library amends circulation policy to cut out late book fines

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

By July 1, those who keep library books too long will be able to return them to the Belleville Area District Library and not get a fine.

At its regular meeting June 11, the library board voted unanimously to accept the new circulation policy where that is spelled out.

The board already had approved doing away with late book fines, but now it has the official policy that makes it possible.

Budget

In her report to the board, Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said she has been working on next year's budget for a pivotal year for the library. She said it includes items for the new library that are not recurring annual costs, such as the opening day collection project, as well as some computer and furniture expenditures.

She said the budget also anticipates operating the new library and the branch in Sumpter Township.

"I have consulted other library budgets

over the past few years in order to estimate the new budget," she said. "I looked at libraries with multiple floors and somewhat newer construction in order to get some ideas for how much building, maintenance, and utilities will cost.

"Increases to staffing represent the move from two public service desks (circulation and reference) to five (circulation, children's reference, adult reference, teen, and branch)," she said.

"For a lot of things, we don't know what they are going to be," Suchy said.

Architect Dan Whisler said the library has agreed to pay for the parking lot lighting, snow removal, and grass cutting at the new public parking lot, with future repairs to be shared with the City of Belleville.

"Mary Jo asked Ron Traskos to be here tonight and he is not," said board president Sharon Peters. "He is not," referring to the board's financial consultant. "We try to cover the things we know."

The board approved the proposed 2019-20 budget of \$2,080,400, as presented, and the

amended 2018-19 budget of \$2,351,800, as presented.

The board also approved moving \$1 million of millage funds collected in 2018 to the 2019-20 fiscal year general fund budget, to be in compliance with federal GASBE requirements.

Board member John Juriga asked if the board could change the library's fiscal year to begin Jan. 1, so this wouldn't have to be done in the future. Currently the library's fiscal year is July 1-June 30.

Building Committee chairman Joy Cichewicz said with all the work on the building now under construction, "That is not a priority at this time."

Suchy said when the library was with the county, it had the county's fiscal year. Then they were working with the city and went to the city's fiscal year of July 1-June 30. She said she would look into changing the fiscal year and what it would entail.

In other business at the June 6 meeting, the board:

- Heard Suchy announce the Library

Network is ready to test the new library's first load of order records in the catalog for the Opening Day Collection. She said in the next few weeks staff will work with Baker & Taylor to place a test order of materials to be certain all of the processing, cataloging and record transfers go smoothly. Once items are ordered, the records will be made invisible in the library catalog until they are ready to open the new building, she said;

- Heard Suchy announce three new reference librarians have been added to the library substitute pool: Jennifer Mann, Crystal Corcoran, and Margaret Loebe;

- Heard a ceremonial cornerstone laying has been set for Saturday, June 29, at 1 p.m., with the Belleville Masons doing the ceremony. An ice cream social will follow; and

- Discussed a variety of events to precede and follow the soft opening of the library, with the grand opening set for June or July of 2020. President Peters said charter donors may make donations through the end of 2019.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Rural area of Sumpter peaceful – except for gun shots

Adrian Slaughter loves rural, peaceful, Sumpter Township where her family has owned property since 1947. She's been there ten years. But now, the gunshots at night in the south end of the township are disturbing her greatly.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Slaughter said her granddaughter leaves for work in the middle of the night and if those gunshots hit her or her car, there will be hell to pay.

Slaughter said on June 13 about 4-6 a.m., several gunshots were fired in two sessions and a woman was screaming. She learned later it was former Sumpter Township Trustee Sheena Barnes who was screaming and the shots missed her when she hit the floor.

Slaughter said she called the police station and they sent out a police sergeant to take her complaint, since she was having trouble walking. Her complaint was added to another complaint and Barnes' complaint.

"This is starting to happen more frequently," Slaughter said, adding the shots were from rifles. She knows what rifles sound like.

"We don't need people out in the dark shooting nilly-willy," she said, adding she things there should be an investigation. She said she will be logging the shots she hears in the future and calling the police every time. She wants her country home to safe and quiet again.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A Sumpter Township resident came in to my office to tell me of a call she got that she thought was from Medicare. The caller told her that she was using an obsolete number.

"I gave my number and later I learned Medicare does not call you at all," she said.

She said she called Medicare and her health insurance provider. She said she was told if she gets packages with medical equipment inside, not to accept delivery.

"I really screwed up," she said, recalling how she trusted the person calling enough to give out her number.

But, she said, there still are people out there who are good.

She said she went to breakfast in Belleville and talked to a man at another table about the three rolls he wasn't going to eat. She said she likes to bring leftovers to the animals and birds to eat out in the country. The man gave her the rolls.

She said two people at another table offered her their toast to take to the animals. She said she waited for her bill and when it didn't come, she reminded the waitress that she still needed her bill. The waitress said the two people she had been talking with paid for her breakfast.

She said they may have thought she was taking home the rolls and toast for herself to eat and that she may have been needy, which wasn't the case.

I told her, maybe, they thought she was a really nice lady to be feeding the wildlife and that's why they did it. We'll never know.

The daughter of the late Harold Harris visited our office. Beverly was telling us about how her father had built what will be torn down for the new grocery store and surrounding businesses in the 500 block of



Main Street in Belleville.

She was in high school in the late 1950s when her dad was working on it and she recalls the family was very nervous because he was not a union builder and he was afraid what the union might do to them.

The grocery store and Ben Franklin and other stores were in the buildings he constructed.

She said she knows it has deteriorated and needs to be torn down, but it's kind of sad when she remembers how hard her father worked on it.

Beverly was in my sister's class in Belleville High School and they graduated in 1956. Beverly lives in a condo that she just loves in the Cobblestone development south of town in VBT.

At Monday's school board meeting, Curriculum Director Jeff Moore said last Thursday he went to Wayne County Community College for a program on suicide prevention. He said School Supt. Pete Kudlak closed down the school operation so everyone on staff could attend.

Supt. Kudlak said they are looking into having a program for parents and others at the school. Moore said besides listening, it's important to know what to say to those considering suicide. Board members agreed this was an important issue to address.

School Board member Darlene Gerick told fellow board members about her experience with helping to sell Scholastic books. She

said they have these sales two weeks a year, in June and December, and they pay workers in books.

She said she got enough books for her daughter to read this summer and other relatives, plus seven boxes of books for the schools. She said they have a reference list so you know what books to take as payment.

VBPS Human Resources Director

Abdul Madyun said they set up a table at Strawberry Festival to try to get people to apply for some para professional jobs that are open, but it turned out to be much more than that. He said it was great to be out and a part of the community festival and talk to so many people.

Also at the school board meeting, it was noted by vice president Susan Featheringill that the annual contributions into a fund for turf replacement will hit \$500,000 in 2022 and so that's probably when the turf on the BHS football field will be replaced.

I remember when there was the big discussion on whether to have real grass or artificial turf when plans were being made for the new high school. Some were afraid the school wouldn't have enough money to afford new turf. Well, they planned ahead and here we are.



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Letters

We need to be cautious with 'loaded' words

To the editor and community:

As a retired English teacher with a commitment to using words carefully, I felt I must respond to the letter from Mickey Widener in the June 19 paper that equated socialism to communism. **It's not** -- there is much misunderstanding about those terms. But the economic and political systems found in the world are not the same as a simple dictionary definition implies. Most countries have mixed systems. The U.S. is not a completely free market capitalist country since our corporations get lots of government support and the U.S.S.R., although it is NOT a democracy, never got to communism -- think Russian oligarchs. Searching several sources, I've distilled these short descriptions to provide more clarity:

Capitalism, in theory, but not in practice, is based on private ownership using the power of the free market to determine costs, price, incomes, and distribution of goods. Pure capitalists driven by a profit motive, resist regulations, and government control. (Consider charter schools and privately owned prisons.)

Communism is an idealistic structure that never has quite worked as intended. The working class is supposed to own everything, only working for the common good without working for profit; goods get distributed based on need. There should be no wealthy or poor people. In theory, special leaders are supposed to temporarily take over the state until all gets established, but in practice, the power is never given up. (China, North Korea)

Socialism, again theoretically, is structured so that business and industry may be collectively owned by workers. The government uses central planning to allocate resources in a more equal way. Socialists take into account both individual needs and greater social needs like transportation, defense, health care.

Democratic socialists do believe in democracy, fair elections, more equality for more people to have more power. They want a government that is as good for the little person as it is for the rich and powerful. They generally support labor reform, federal jobs programs, universal health care, more fair tax policies that close loopholes the wealthy have found.

We in the U.S. already have some form of socialism in public schools and Social Security. Our Founding Fathers included "the promotion of the general welfare" and instructed the government to protect the rights of all to pursue happiness.

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We need to be cautious when politicians and believers of any party toss these "loaded" words around because they short circuit critical thinking by appealing to emotions or stereotypes.

Marjorie Lynn
Van Buren Township

Religion not much to do with any socialism

To the editor:

Socialism is the control of production by the State. Or, as defined by Merriam-Webster: "any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods"

As for democratic socialism -- that's a bit more nuanced. It is commonly known to be a political system in which extensive state regulation, with limited state ownership, has been employed by democratically elected governments in the belief that it produces a fair distribution of income without impairing economic growth.

In neither instance does religion have much to do with it.

A simple Google search provided this. Most times the dictionary is more reliable than Fox News.

But that's putting things far too simply. There's much more to it than that; more than you are I could provide in a few sentences, I'm sure.

Just thought your readers would like to know!

Charles Larocque
Van Buren Township

Independence Day time to fly your U.S. Flag

To the editor:

Reminder to my South Biggs Street neighbors and to all Belleville homeowners: Independence Day 2019 (July 4th) is here. Stop by and pick up a FREE flag from my front yard and proudly display it at your home.

This is to remember the day WE declared our independence from Great Britain. Let's continue the practice of flying our flag, declaring to the rest of the world we will not be ruled by any other country and that we stand behind our independence.

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Pete Pitzen, Belleville
VFW Post #4434 Veteran

Obituaries



Richard Grishaber

RICHARD GRISHABER

June 21, 1952 – June 22, 2019

Age 67. Died peacefully with his family by his side Saturday evening, June 22, 2019 at the Arbor Hospice Residence of Saline.

Richard is the beloved husband of Sharon for forty-six wonderful years; loving father of Angela Grishaber of Belleville and Christy (Tony) Desselles of Belleville; cherished grandfather of Kelly (Mark Dybicki) Desselles, Blake Grishaber, Christian (Alexis Mellinger) Grishaber, Brookelyn Desselles and Reagan Desselles. Richard is also survived by his brother, Jerry (the late Wendy) Grishaber of Romulus and many loving extended family and friends. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his parents, Harry Sr. (Annie) Grishaber and siblings Harry Grishaber Jr. and Joyce Kopsolias.

A Belleville High School graduate (*Class of 1970*), Richard enjoyed hunting, stock car racing and following baseball. He will be truly missed.

Funeral services have been arranged for 12 Noon, Thursday, June 27, 2019 in the Main Chapel of David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734) 697-4500. The Grishaber family will greet guests at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Visiting hours were arranged for Wednesday from 4 - 8 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial tributes to Arbor Hospice.

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An email was sent out to members of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce last week to announce a re-organization at the chamber, as well as temporary summer hours.

The Board of Directors has announced that the position of Executive Director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce

has been temporarily eliminated. The Board is developing a strategic plan, and will be establishing a new position, duties, and objectives for the future within the coming months. We would like to express our sincere gratitude and thank Mr. Paul Henning for his years of service in this position.

The Chamber offices will be closed from June 19 through July 7 for summer holidays and vacations.

From July 8 through Labor Day, we expect the hours of operation to be, at minimum, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. We will continue to update the members and community if this changes.

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Obituaries



Sandra Darr

SANDRA DARR

September 5, 1973 – June 8, 2019

Ms. Sandra Darr passed away on June 8, 2019 at the Cleveland Clinic. She was born on September 5, 1973 in Garden City, Michigan a daughter of Linda Short, stepfather John Chandler who preceded her in death in March, 2019, and Kenneth Coskie.

Sandra loved to ride motorcycles. She belonged to the Kingdom Run Motorcycle Church. She had a passion for travelling and spending time with her family and friends.

Ms. Darr is survived by her parents Linda Short and Kenneth Coskie; siblings Ginger Short, Eddie Short, Ken Short, John Short, Amber (Rich) Knowlton, Kristin (Michael) Short Taylor and Chelsea Short. Sandra is also survived by her nieces and nephews: Seth Short, Isaac Short, Tori Short, Hayden Shipman, Jessie Knowlton, Justin Knowlton, Austin Knowlton, Sarah Butler, Hannah Long, Mikayla Taylor, twins Devon and Zander Taylor and her beloved cat Nathaniel.

A memorial service in Sandra's honor was held on Friday, June 21, at 2:00 P.M. at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, (734) 697-9400. The service was officiated by Pastor Paul Bostwick.

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HELEN ALICE BENEDICT CURRY

July 28, 1923 – May 15, 2019

Helen was born to Anna "Luella" and Alfred "Guy" Benedict of Hulbert, MI.

During her long and active life, she was associated with Girl Scouts, 4-H, Belleville Professional Women's Club and Curry's Landing, Beaverton, MI. She loved to sew, paint, quilt, and play cards.

Preceded in death by her husband Don of 58 years, her parents, one sister, and four brothers. She is survived by children Alyce of Pensacola, FL, Donna of Lake Forest, IL, Larry of Midland, MI, and Ardyth (E. James) Hammond of Manchester, MI; grandchildren Kevin Binion of Temperance, MI and Chelsea of Chicago, IL; great-granddaughters Alexis and Emma Binion of Temperance, MI; many nieces, nephews, great-great nieces, nephews, and great-great-great nieces and nephews.

Service will be July 13, 2019 at the Log Chapel, Hulbert, MI, with interment in Hulbert Cemetery, Hulbert, MI.

Our thanks and gratitude to all her visiting caretakers from Grace Hospice of Ann Arbor, MI, and the Evangelical Home, Saline, MI.

WALTER JOSEPH MIENTKIEWICZ

March 10, 1942 – June 17, 2019

Age 77, of White Cloud, MI. Survived by companion Stacey Martin; son David; three stepchildren Carrie, Heather, Billy; 12 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two sisters. Funeral mass was June 22.

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James Russell Coleman

JAMES RUSSELL COLEMAN

June 26, 1924 – June 21, 2019

Age 94, of Sumpter Township, died Friday evening, June 21, 2019 at his residence.

James is the beloved husband of the late Matilda (d.2016); cherished father of Richard (Karen) Coleman of Belleville, William (Carol) Coleman of Dexter and James (Delphina Truong) of Houston, Texas. Mr. Coleman is also survived by eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his siblings, Doris Moore, William Coleman and Donald Coleman.

A proud World War II Marine Corps veteran, Mr. Coleman served as part of the occupational Army of Japan. Before entering the service, he also helped contribute to the war effort by working at the Willow Run bomber plant. He was one of the founding members of the Sumpter Township V.F.W. In his spare time, he enjoyed yard sales, being outdoors and road trips with his family.

Funeral services for Mr. Coleman have been arranged for 11:00 AM, Saturday, June 29, 2019 in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734) 697-4500. Interment will follow at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

Visitation has been arranged for Friday, 4 until 8 PM.



Chester Wojie

CHESTER WOJIE

June 26, 1928 – June 21, 2019

Age 90, died peacefully at his residence, Friday evening, June 21, 2019.

Chester is the beloved husband of the late Gladys (d.2002); dear father of Dale Wojie of Westland and Pamela Wojie of Van Buren Township. Mr. Wojie is also survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Sadly, he is preceded in death by his son, Chester Wojie, Jr. (d.2015). A longtime Van Buren Township resident, Mr. Wojie proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Second World War. Following his service, he was employed with the Ford Motor Company and was a past President of the Local UAW #898 retirees. In his spare time, he had a passion for woodworking and spending time in Northern Michigan, where he owned his own woodworking craft store. Mostly, he loved his family.

Funeral services for Mr. Wojie were held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, June 25, 2019 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734) 697-4500. The Wojie family greeted guests from 10 AM. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated the funeral ceremony. Visitation was held Monday from 3-8 PM at the funeral home.

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VBT hotel

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the township right now and VBT Trustee Sherry Frazier said there were five.

"He's decimating our quality of life, for hundreds of residents," the woman said.

Patel said he has developed other projects including a Comfort Suite hotel in Michigan City, Indiana, off I-94.

Trustee Reggie Miller said she was from that area and knows that hotel. She said it a very nice building.

Patel said he was interested in building on this site because it has easy access to the freeway, is zoned for a hotel, and is half way between the airport and Ann Arbor, a prime location for a hotel. He said it would be a Comfort Suite costing guests more than \$100 a night. It would be a two-and-a-half-Star hotel.

Akers suggested he explain the Star designation and Patel said it referred to the amenities. He said the 90 rooms would be suites, with each having beds and a pull-out couch so three people could fit in each room. He said there would be no food at the hotel and no minibars, leading to the Star designation.

He said he planned shuttles to the airport every two hours.

"This is an idea," Patel said to the hostile crowd. "I want to find out if you like this idea. In order not to bother you, there will be a tree barrier and a six-foot-tall fence. There would be 94 parking spaces, including barrier-free spaces."

Akers said there would be no curb cut on Dewitt to keep traffic out of the subdivision. There would be one entry on the South Service Drive. He said curb cuts are reviewed by Wayne County to make sure of proper placement.

A woman called out that Supervisor Kevin McNamara has pull with the county because of his father having been county executive. She asked if he will be pushing this through.

Akers said Patel may have to do underground storm water detention where it is held and pumped into a drainage ditch. He said he is required to keep the water on his property. Underground detention is expensive, but the space is limited on the site, he said.

As complaints piled up, Patel said, "We

haven't bought the property yet. This is exploratory. It's under contract to purchase. We don't have to do this. We don't want problems with you guys."

He said before they build, they do a market study which gives them an educated guess on the project's success. The market study looked at 10-15 hotels. He said it is not going to fail and would probably have a 65% occupancy rate.

The complaints on having a hotel at that site included: it would be like two of the township hotels, where people live, and there are drugs and prostitutes; their property values would be reduced; people would be able to look out the hotel windows into their bedroom windows; the parking lot lights would disturb their lives; the person who lives across Dewitt from the site said he doesn't want to "look out the window at something nasty"; the area has brownouts and this would pull too much electrical power; it would make too much noise; among other complaints.

"We're appealing to you to help," a man said to the three board members present. It was pointed out this would not go before the board and the planning commission would make any decisions on the hotel.

Trustee Paul White said he is looking for a premiere community in Van Buren Township, but this case is hard because it is zoned for a hotel. He pointed out several changes that could be made on a site plan displayed on screens on the wall.

"We do not want a hotel," stated a resident of Venetian and his statement was followed by loud applause. "Is this going to be enough to make you stop?"

"I understand," Patel said. "We will decide. This meeting was for your feedback."

"Please, don't build," the man urged.

Akers said as long as Patel meets the ordinances, he could build.

"There's nothing we can do legally to stop this," pointed out another man.

"Before I put in a lot of money, I wanted to hear what you thought," Patel said.

Trustee Miller said to the audience, "This will affect their quality of life once it is built."

"We had opposition in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and we didn't proceed," Patel said.

Akers said if this doesn't go through, the township can change the master plan to

make this controversial site residential.

Trustee Miller advised the residents to call Supervisor Kevin McNamara with their comments. She said he was unable to be present at this meeting.

One man asked Patel if he would want to have people peeking in his windows to look at his wife and children.

"If this goes up, I'll picket," said another man and a woman added, "So will I."

"We're not going to let it happen," said yet another woman.

That's when Patel said the residents were saving him a lot of money and a lot of

hassle.

"You have my final decision," Patel said, indicating that he would not build the hotel.

Later, Patel said he has been looking at other property in the Belleville area for another development.

Several people came up to Patel and Akers after the meeting to thank them.

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April Austin seeks help to fight MS so she can raise autistic son

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

April Austin wants to go to Mexico for a treatment to help her fight multiple sclerosis so she will be able to continue to raise her 13-year-old, non-verbal, autistic son Jacob.

Austin, 33, who lives in Harbour Club apartments with Jacob has been a Belleville-area resident since 2011.

"I feel bad to have to ask for help," Austin said to the *Independent* as she brought in piles of paperwork that spell out her condition.

"I really enjoy this community, as I feel safe and at home," she said.

She is legally blind from her MS treatments and used Lyft for transportation to the Independent office last Thursday. She carries her fold-up white cane in her carry-all bag.

She is a senior at Eastern Michigan University with a Social Work major and Anthropology minor. She has worked as a long-term substitute teacher at Ford Early Learning Center in Ypsilanti, which she calls "a troubled district." She also has substituted in the Van Buren Public Schools.

She hopes to work in public policy and open up several autism residential facilities for those with autism transitioning into adulthood.

She said she has two children. Her 15-year-old son no longer lives with her, since she sent him away after he hurt Jacob.

"My story is that I am dealing with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS). I was diagnosed right after graduating from Washtenaw Community College in 2012. Before the diagnosis, I was constantly sick. As a result, I am now legally blind.

"I don't drive. I spend a lot of money on public transportation, using Lyft, Uber, and taxis.

"I'm constantly in the hospital for flares and relapses. I have been on three different medications, all of which stop working for me at some point. I'm constantly losing mobility everyday.

"Sometimes I have issues breathing. I suffer from constant digestive and urinary issues. I'm beginning to have difficulty speaking and swallowing.

"I am raising money for a stem cell transplant. This treatment is known as Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant. This treatment has been known to stop MS in its tracks. Without this treatment, I will definitely continue to deteriorate. I will be forced to quit working,



April Austin cares for her autistic son Jacob in their Van Buren Township apartment.

and raising my children.

"As I continue to get worse, I'm constantly questioning my reason for existence. I mean, who wants to deteriorate and waste away in front of their children?" she asked.

Austin has put out a GoFundMe: April's Journey to Wellness account to help her get the treatment she feels she needs to help her survive.

Austin said she applied to have this treatment in Chicago, at Northwestern University, with Dr. Burks, but she said she was denied because of no enhanced lesions on her brain and spine, although she showed clear signs of deterioration.

She said in the U.S. the treatment is a lot more expensive than in Mexico.

She said the treatment is \$70,000 in Ohio and \$60,000 in Chicago.

There is a place called Clinica Ruiz in Puebla, Mexico, that offers the complete treatment at \$54,000. The treatment also is given in Moscow.

"Because I am acquainted with a lot of MS Warriors, I know several people that have had the treatment and they are doing exceptionally well," she said.

"I am pleading with you to help in any way that you can," she said. "Jacob means everything to me; I want to be able to care for him long-term."

Austin added, "If I get this treatment, I promise to fight even harder for the weak. I promise to be a strong voice for those whom can't speak for themselves. I promise to do my part to change the world for the better."

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Belleville Area Council for the Arts continues Community Fish Project

Since the Fish Project was so well received last year, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts will continue the Community Art Project for 2019.

Artists of all ages are asked to contribute an original fish or an additional fish to the collection that will again be displayed at Horizon Park this summer.

The fish that stormed the weather last year, will be displayed again on the shoreline of Belleville Lake. Additional fish will be added as they are completed and returned.

Fish art projects directions:

1. Pick up wooden FISH at Belleville Area District Library.
2. Paint, stain, decoupage, add decorative

pieces. Be creative!

3. On the back of FISH, paint or stain, sign and date.

4. Return decorated FISH to the library by July 20.

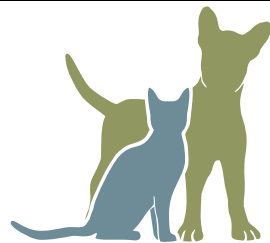
5. A donation of \$10 is recommended to support the Fish Project, but it is not required.

BACA will be presenting Music Lakeside concerts all summer at Horizon Park on Thursday evenings. Rhythm and blues singer Thornetta Davis will be performing June 27 at 7 p.m. Detroit Elvis will return to Belleville on July 4, 6-8 p.m. In case of rain, Music Lakeside concerts will be held at Belleville First United Methodist Church.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, July 1 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 2 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

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Today's paper features an insert from Sumpter Ace Hardware and their 4th of July Sale, going on now through July 8. Sale items include buy-one-get-one-half-off of Valspar gallon paint, Craftsman, Stanley, and DeWalt power tools, patio/market umbrellas, LED patio string lights, canning supplies, and more. Some Independent newspapers didn't have the insert as our customer didn't insert a full run of 7,000. We've had calls asking about it and we invite them to stop by our office to pick up one or they're available at the store on Sumpter Road. You can also view the insert at www.acehardware.com. Call (734) 697-9363.

The Music Lakeside Concert Series continues tonight with Detroit's own Thornetta

Davis beginning at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street. Next week, Detroit Elvis takes the stage on July 4. In case of rain the concert will move across the street inside Belleville First United Methodist Church. Visit www.bacaart.org and www.musiclake-side.com.

Perspective Eyecare on Belleville Road says 'Tis the season for a new pair of shades with an offer of buy one pair of eyeglasses, and add a pair of sunglasses with 40% off. See their ad featuring Santa in today's paper. Call (734) 699-1010 and visit www.perspectiveeyecare.com.

Van Buren Little League at Beck Fields is hosting the State 50/70 Tournament starting July 5 and volunteers are needed to get the fields ready. Beginning this Saturday, June 29, at 10 a.m., organizers and volunteers will be hanging backstop covering, scraping and painting the wooden bleachers, spreading dirt, marking fields, and other jobs. It's a good opportunity for incoming BHS seniors to get in a few volunteer hours or for people needing community service hours. See their Facebook page at Van Buren Arealittleleague.

New craft and produce vendors are always welcome at the Belleville Farmer's Market, every Monday, from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Fourth Street Square. To learn more, call Janet Millard at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m. or email jfayemillard@att.net. The market runs through September and coincides with the Main Street Cruise Car Show every Monday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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School Board

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• Learned seven teachers had earned tenure after five years on the job with effective or high ratings during the last two years. The two who attended the meeting were presented with certificates and shook hands with board members. Those receiving tenure were Heather Fischer, Catherine Kaczmar, Heather Palmer, Shandra Pettway, Sarah Stiles, Marcie Taylor, and Cassidy Taylor;

• Approved retirements of three non-instructional staff and one resignation. Retiring are Theresa Bishop after 25 years in transportation; Mary Talaga after 19 years as Edgemont lunch room supervisor, and Barbara Scroi after 22 years as Savage food service cook. Resigning is Christine Underwood after four years as Edgemont lunch room supervisor;

• Welcomed Corea Nimmons the new payroll coordinator at the Administration Building who started June 19;

• Approved the resignation of teacher LaKisha Lacsamana after two years at Owen Intermediate, to relocate;

• Observed a special presentation to school board member Kelly Owen by the Rawsonville Elementary staff to mark all of Owen's work behind the scenes;

• Approved purchasing new Chromebooks for 7th and 8th grade students at McBride and at BHS for incoming freshmen. The high school students will keep their computers for four years and McBride students will keep theirs for two years and then turn them over to other students who will use them another two years. Total cost is \$265,613.68 from the 2019-20 Enhancement Millage Fund;

• Approved a Distance Learning

Agreement with the Flat Rock Community Schools that will allow VBPS to enroll 30 students at a cost of \$2,000 each to take courses by computer for one year and then the agreement will be reviewed. Curriculum Director Jeff Moore said this will support students who have dropped out or are about to drop out. He said students may want an alternative path or may have medical problems or anxiety troubles. He said Flat Rock has 220 students in the program. Kudlak said VBPS want non-traditional students to have a good education "with our names on it." Moore said they will start it at the high school this fall and pursue a model for the middle school later;

• Heard details of updated board policies recommended by NEOLA concerning rescinding the section on expulsions and suspensions since it is no longer required by the state, modifying crowd funding, school safety and advertising guidelines and other issues for the first reading. The second reading and adoption is expected at the July 29 meeting;

• Approved the second reading of a group of proposed board policies and adopted the policies. They concern closed sessions, drug policy, leave of absence, reproductive health and family planning, school choice options, attendance, and other issues;

• Pulled from the agenda a tentative one-year contract with the Van Buren Educational Support Team (VBEST) union and a recommendation to adopt the 80/20 language of Public Act 152 for a medical benefit plan. The board also unexpectedly voted to go into closed-door session to discuss collective bargaining strategy; and

• Set a special board meeting for 9 a.m. Friday, June 28, at the Administration Building to consider approval of the two items that were removed from the agenda.



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Keystone Academy bans student cell phones on school property

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

"We don't want cell phones on our property," said Keystone Academy Principal Jorvonna Drain to the school board at its June 13 meeting.

The board members were getting ready to approve the student handbook for the next school year.

"Not permitted at all," she said of cell phones.

The board voted to accept the parent-student handbook, with no electronic devices allowed on school property and keeping absenteeism and tardiness rules stronger.

Principal Drain presented some "very exciting news," reporting the employees survey showed 100% completed the survey and Keystone scores were higher than National Heritage Academies' benchmark scores and higher than when the previous principal was in place.

"I'm glad our staff feels we have a great environment in our school," she said.

The scores were: 82% for great culture, 81% for opportunities to learn and grow, 85% for confidence in the leadership team, 97% for feeling physically safe, and 86% would recommend this location to others for educating their children.

In other business at the June 13 meeting, the board:

- Approved the 2019-20 proposed budget of \$6.97 million and the 2018-19 amended budget of \$6.93 million, as presented by NHA. The new budget is based on 768 pupils in 28 classrooms and \$8,077 per pupil funding. It will be amended in the fall once the state budget is passed;

- Heard Principal Drain report the enrollment goal for the 2019-20 school year is 768 students and the school currently has 768 students enrolled and 147 students on the waiting list;

- Learned tickets will be issued to parents for excessive truantries with the cooperation of the Sumpter Township Police Department. "This puts the responsibility back on the parents," Principal Drain said;

- Discussed the discipline/truancy reports, provided to the board, as required by board policy;

- Heard board attorney Candace Sorensen explain legal details of the service and lease agreements with NHA and approved them as recommended;

- Approved the educational provider, lease agreement, and reauthorization due diligence questionnaires from Bay Mills Community College, who granted Keystone's charter, as recommended by attorney Sorensen.;

- Approved the new charter contract with Bay Mills; and

- Approved the Open Meetings Act Military Policy as updated.

The board met at 5 p.m. and then broke at 6 p.m. to attend the eighth-grade graduation ceremonies. Sumpter Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke was keynote speaker. Chief Luke's twin sons attend Keystone.

The board then went back to the table to complete school business.

Sumpter Senior Quilters plan to feed the homeless with pizzas in August

Karen Mickens announced at a recent Sumpter Township board meeting that this year's project for the Sumpter Senior Quilters is to feed the homeless.

She said their goal is to serve 100 delicious pizzas to the homeless on Aug. 13 and they have begun their drive to collect donations.

The deadline for donations is July 31.

Two years ago, the Quilters served a free Thanksgiving dinner for anyone who wanted to come and, last year, they collected new pajamas for all the residents of Cedar Wood assistant care center in Van Buren Township.

This year it's pizza. For more information call Mickens at (734) 461-2296.

The REAL Neighborhood Clean Up Action

All home sites will be viewed upon notification for a thorough assessment prior to scheduling an appointment.

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— Steven Wright

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, June 27** – Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m. Thornetta Davis
- **Friday, June 28** – State Rep. Joe Bellino, who represents Sumpter Township in Lansing, invites constituents to his coffee hours to tell him their concerns. He will be at Tim Hortons, 404 S. Monroe St. in Monroe from 1 to 2 p.m. and at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd., from 3 to 4 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. To contact Bellino's office call (517) 373-1530 or email him at JosephBellino@house.mi.gov .
- **Saturday, June 29** – Ceremonial Cornerstone Laying of the Belleville Area District Library's new building by the Belleville Masonic Lodge at 1 p.m.,

followed by an ice cream social.

• **Saturday, June 29** – Annual Flea Market of the Romulus Historical Society is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St., Romulus 48174. To sign up as a vendor, call Cathy Morse (734) 941-6361.

• **Saturday, June 29** – Van Buren Township's fireworks show at dusk at Beck Ball Field, 10200 Beck Rd. DJ begins the music at 7 p.m. and Little League will be selling concessions for their annual fundraiser. Bring your own chair. Free. Rain date is Sunday, June 30.

• **Sunday, June 30** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's Dave Hollway Karaoke. For information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Tuesday, July 2** – Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 5:45 p.m., Masonic

Lodge, 515 Main St., Belleville. For info, visit redcross.org .

• **Thursday, July 4** -- Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 6-8 p.m., Detroit Elvis

• **Thursday, July 4** – Belleville Lake in front of the Belleville Yacht Club will

be closed from 9:45 to 11 p.m. for the annual fireworks and the DNR approval requires this closing of the lake. Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies and Van Buren Township Marine Patrol will be present to turn away boats.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES JUNE 18, 2019

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller, and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Director of Public Services Best, Director of Water and Sewer Taylor, Downtown Development Authority Director Ireland and an audience of six (6).

A moment of silence was held to honor the life of Joyce Gant who recently passed away. Joyce was a dedicated volunteer in the September Days Senior Center, organizing the very successful annual health and wellness expo for the first time 10 years ago.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2019, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2019, Prepaid List of June 6, 2019, Prepaid List of June 13, 2019, Voucher List of June 18, 2019, Approval of a lot split on 83-095-01-0226-000]. Motion Carried

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Announcements included the following: Township Administrative Offices will be closed on July 4th and 5th in observance of the Fourth of July Holiday; there will be a fireworks display on Saturday, June 29th at the Beck Ball Fields at dusk; Session 2 of the Van Buren Township Summer Camp is open for registration until June 28, the camp runs from July 15-August 9 and is \$475 for residents; the Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a free family event on June 21st at Tyler Elementary called Taking it to the Streets, there will be bounce houses, the Alexandria Nature Bus and a free lunch served at 1:00; the Van Buren Township Mini Concert Series is taking place on July 10, 17, and 24 in the Senior Activity Garden at 7:00 p.m.; the

R.E.A.L program is now accepting applications and nominations for a free lawn clean-up for qualifying seniors 55 and over; the Belleville Area Museum is hosting a vintage wedding dress fashion show on June 20th; the September Days Senior Center Health and Wellness Expo was a success with approximately 300 seniors in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Annual Audit of All Township Funds by Plante Moran. Motion Carried. A copy of the complete report is available for residents to review on the Township's website or at the Clerk's Office. Martin moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #06-04-19(1) to rezone parcel V125-83-105-99-0002-000; otherwise known as 13414 Martinsville Road from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Frazier, Miller, White, Martin, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve reaching out to residents in the area northwest of Savage Road and Martinsville Road to offer a free administrative rezoning for residential properties zoned M-1, Light Industrial. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2019-09 Adopting a Final Project Plan for RVSDS on Behalf of Wayne County. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: A comment was made about looking forward to hearing about data driven results during this year's budget hearing and the Township was awarded a \$375,000 CBDG grant for the Iron Belle Trail west route, \$20,000 grant for senior center.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Martin seconded to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: June 27, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees, the second reading of the following proposed amendments to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2) were approved and are hereby adopted:

1. Ordinance No. 06-04-19(1): An ordinance to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 05- 02-17(2), as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel V125-83-105-99-0002-000; otherwise known as 13414 Martinsville Road from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential.

This property is located on the west side of Martinsville Road north of Savage.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan during recent business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The adopted Zoning Ordinance amendment will be effective seven (7) days after the date of publication.

Adopted: June 18, 2019
Published: June 27, 2019
Effective: July 05, 2019



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, June 3, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Loria at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present

Mayor Pro Tem Loria Present

Mayor Conley Present (Late)

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations

None

Council follow up list

Council Member Marcotte inquired about the status of the Doane's Landing seawall repair project. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer stated that the contract had been signed and bonds were completed and on file. DPS Director Rick Rutherford said that the City is waiting on steel.

Citizen Comments

Fire Chief Brian Loranger inquired about the downtown clock issue, and DPS Director Rutherford said the set screws will be fixed as soon as he can get a lift.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve the agenda with one addition: Item B: Strawberry Festival Dunk Tank fundraiser.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve the City Council meeting minutes from May 20, 2019 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

FY 2019-20 Budget

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to open a Public Hearing on the FY 2019-20 Budget at 7:37 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Conley called for public comments. Seeing none, she called for a motion.

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Smith to close the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. FY 2019-20 Budget

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith approving **Resolution No. 19-036** to adopt the FY 2019-20 Budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Dunk Tank Fundraiser at Strawberry Festival

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith approving **Resolution No. 19-037**, Chamber of Commerce/ Special Olympics request to include a dunk tank at the Strawberry Festival, with the caveat that the City be reimbursed for the cost of providing water.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 19-038**, for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 totaling \$334,561.02 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Pastor Nathaniel Oregon stated that his church is planning youth field project work this summer, setting aside July 27th- 28th to work in Belleville. He is looking for community projects, perhaps housing rehabilitation for low-income homeowners.

11. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf
City Clerk
Approved: June 17, 2019
Published: June 27, 2019

Sumpter Board OKs contract to C&S for satellite library work

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

C&S Construction Management of Wyandotte was approved by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, on a 5-1 vote, as construction manager for renovations to the hexagon building across from township hall at a cost of \$41,700.

This is \$2,200 for preconstruction and \$39,500 for construction management.

This work is to renovate the building for use as a satellite of the Belleville Area District Library. When the district library was making plans for the satellite, it estimated it would be open this fall.

Now that Sumpter has taken over all the planning for the satellite, its opening date has not been announced.

Township attorney Rob Young said there has been a lot of discussion with the library and 3, 4, or 5 months ago the township took over. He said they will have \$250,000 from the library funds for the project, plus additional library funds in the township's budget.

The selection of C&S was the recommendation of the township's consultant Hennessey Engineers and the township board approved the

recommendation at its June 11 regular meeting. Trustee Don Swinson was absent from the meeting.

Treasurer Ken Bednark voted against the motion to name C&S as construction manager, pointing out the township did not follow its policy of getting three competitive bids.

He pointed out it got just two: the \$41,700 from C&S and a \$87,200 bid from AZ Shmina of Brighton.

"This needs to be put back out for bids," Treasurer Bednark said, pointing out one bid is double the other. He also asked why there was no local bidder.

Attorney Young tried to explain to Bednark that this was for a construction manager and local companies will be able to bid on the work, but Bednark retorted: "I get that. I've been in construction. We need three bids."

Young said they talked to construction companies in Belleville and an effort was put out by Hennessey architect Raymond D. Parker, project manager.

"I have a lot of faith in this guy," Young said of Parker.

Of the disparity in bids, Young said, "These things happen. The price from the

library was much higher."

Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis called out from the back of the room that it was advertised in the local paper.

Young said the call for bids was also sent to businesses and many are busy.

"Whatever you decide," Young said.

Later in the meeting, Bednark said he wanted to have the policy on the agenda and Clerk Hurst said she would get the wording together for a new policy.

Young said the board can change the policy, but the way it works is for the board to decide on a policy and then the wording is put together for approval.

Bednark said the township's policy was approved in August 2018, which is fairly new. He said the policy in place gives department heads control over their own departments.

"I think the treasurer needs to be able to direct their own department. There are controls along the way. This allows department heads to run their departments," Bednark said.

"I would like to have three bids," said Trustee Tim Rush. "Do we have time?"

"I didn't do it," Young said of the recommendation. "Ray Parker did it. It's

hit forte. If delayed another period of time ... All comes back to the township board for review and approval. Also, in the warrants later."

In other business at its June 11 meeting, the board:

- Approved a use and occupancy agreement renewal for 2019 for a three-year term with the Wayne County WIC Program. The agreement includes a 5% increase, to \$300 per year, for monthly utility payments to the township and a two-year extension. Clerk Esther Hurst said this raise was to cover the township because of rising utility costs;

- Approved replacing three computers in the clerk's office from Dell at a cost of \$2,728.38. Clerk Hurst said their computers are running very slow and the purchases are within the budget. Bednark said with that amount spent, under the purchasing policy it wouldn't have to be brought to the board;

- Approved a review by the clerk's office of the purchasing policy adopted last fall and a review by financial consultant Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Wayne;

- Heard Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke report on an agreement he and attorney Young are working on with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue that he expects to bring to the next meeting. He said currently sworn police officers are checking on the dogs in the township's kennel at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. and cleaning up the "poo." The dogs have no companionship. He said the budget for the shelter is \$3,000 for utilities and \$2,600 for cleaning supplies. Romulus charges \$650 a month (\$7,800 a year) for the service, whether they bring any dogs or not. The deal with FMAR would be \$40 a dog for the five days required for the state mandatory hold and then they will try to adopt them out. He said FMAR now has a state-of-the-art facility and they have plans to put a veterinarian in there, as well;

- Heard Bednark announce that on June 13 he planned a meeting in his office with Anna Winter and DPW Director Ken Kunka to discuss how to collect the huge amount of money out there in uncollected water bills. He said they were to discuss how to collect the money, how to get more shutoffs done, and how to work with residents who need help;

- Heard Luke complain at length about Independent Editor Rosemary Otzman, who he accused of distorting the facts and not announcing his announcements in the way he wants. He also complained about what she writes in her column, and other things he doesn't like;

- Heard Fire Chief Januszyk announce the annual fire department open house will be July 13 and heard Bednark say the summer tax bills will be mailed out on July 1; and

- Heard Supervisor Morgan say a bench has been delivered by Girl Scout Troop 2041. The bench is donated to the township and it is sturdy. He said, "It's amazing you can do it from bottle caps".

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding the proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the reprogramming / transfer of the following funds from Public Facilities to Demolition.

Qualifying the Project

The demolition project would meet the qualifying standards for CDBG projects as follow:

- National Objective – Elimination of Slums and Blight
- Eligible Activity – Clearance and Demolition (HUD Matrix Code 04)

The Township will comply with all CDBG regulations pertaining project qualification.

Proposed Funding Sources

The cost of each demolition will be determined on a case-by-case basis. To provide funding for the demolition program, the Township proposes to use the following estimated funding:

- Reprogram (transfer) 2018 balance:
 - Activity #18-30-03F, Public Facilities & Improvements - **\$76,581.00**
- TOTAL \$76,581.00**

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m., the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting to request accommodations.

Posted: June 25, 2019

Published: June 27, 2019

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 514 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, June 16:

0025 – property check, DDA construction site
0027 – noise complaint, Price Rd.
0118 – assist other dept., Jackson St.
0131 – suspicious person/vehicle, Coolidge St.
0204 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
0335 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Robson Rd.
0557 – disorderly, Ash Dr.
0653 – disorderly, Robson Rd.
0801 – lake emergency, Denton Rd./Van Allen
0940 – malicious destruction of property, N. Woodbury Dr.
1108 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
1109 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1147 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1301 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
1552 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1722 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1804 – trespassing, Rose Blvd.
1814 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1838 – traffic offense, Rolan Meadows/Tyler Rd.
1902 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
1910 – family trouble, Daniel Dr.
1933 – harassment call, Buchanan St.
2004 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury
2042 – missing person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2058 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
2111 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2124 – fight, Shelley Dr.
2210 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
2338 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

Monday, June 17:

0120 – fireworks, Westlake Cir.
0703 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0726 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen
0750 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0817 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0909 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
0916 – private property/property damage accident, S. Bellridge Dr.
1010 – fraud, Hamilton St.
1121 – threat, Hayes St.
1338 – family trouble, Winchester St.
1448 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1518 – ordinance violation, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Jeannette Ave.
1551 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1632 – fraud, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1648 – civil matter, Bog Rd.
1651 – suicidal person, Daniel Dr.
1707 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1855 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2025 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2047 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2113 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
2143 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
2151 – traffic offense, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
2232 – suspicious person/vehicle, America/Liberty
Tuesday, June 18:
0347 – road hazard, N. I-275/Ecorse I-275 ramp N.
0729 – suspicious person/vehicle, Briarwood Dr.
0748 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
0855 – animal complaint, Lancaster Dr.
1044 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1114 – noise complaint, Cobblestone Creek Dr. / W. Huron River Dr.
1146 – suicidal person, Jeannette Ave.
1215 – PPO violation, McBride Ave.
1253 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookview Dr.
1344 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1445 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1458 – private property impound, Van Born
1508 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1523 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Quirk Rd.
1618 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1646 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Bluff Dr.
1651 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1847 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Brookview Dr.

1936 – noise complaint, Parkwood
2011 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
2030 – felony assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2035 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2103 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
2151 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
2227 – noise complaint, S. Woodbury Dr.
2225 – assault & battery, S. Bellridge Dr.
2230 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
2330 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.
2342 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Wednesday, June 19:
0232 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0247 – property check, DDA property/Belleville Rd.
0857 – animal complaint, Rogers Ave.
0902 – parking complaint, Rebecca Ct.
1014 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1106 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1109 – juvenile complaint, Greenbriar Ct.
1205 – lost property/child, Hannan Rd.
1213 – juvenile complaint, Winchester St.
1218 – assault & battery, Filmore St.
1230 – private property/property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.
1253 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Costco
1415 – animal complaint, Sadie Ln.
1528 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd.
1556 – civil matter, Belleville Exchange
1719 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Green
1739 – disorderly, Briarcliff Dr.
1847 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Center
1912 – threat, Lancaster Dr.
2006 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
2224 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ash Dr.
2227 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.
2233 – disorderly, America
2326 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2357 – personal injury accident, Michigan/Denton
Thursday, June 20:
0159 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0310 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0529 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Samuel Barton Dr.
0709 – found property/child, Moms Dr.
0711 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0713 – narcotics crime, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1017 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1022 – property damage accident, Lancaster Dr. / Fairfield Dr.
1036 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1141 – threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1246 – abandoned auto, Harmony Ln./Belleville
1303 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd. / Capitol Dr.
1338 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1350 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1807 – missing person, Marlowe Dr.
1809 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1830 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service
1917 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2127 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.
2225 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2259 – larceny, Denton Rd.
Friday, June 21:
0222 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
0230 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0920 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
0935 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0959 – mental subject, Denton Rd.
1019 – road hazard, Beck/RR Tracks
1057 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1151 – traffic offense, Oak Blvd.
1159 – neighbor trouble, Filmore St.
1311 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.
1515 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./bridge
1521 – person injury accident, Tyler/Haggerty
1618 – civil matter, Quirk Rd.
1702 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1832 – larceny, Holly Ln.
1900 – larceny, Robson Rd.
1900 – civil matter, Savage Rd.
1913 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arcadia Ct.
2030 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2051 – assist other dept., Sheldon Rd./Van Born
2104 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.

2120 – suspicious person/vehicle, Water’s Edge
2254 – assault & battery, N. Bellridge Dr.
2325 – suspicious person/vehicle, Red Oak Dr.
Saturday, June 22:
0203 – domestic, Briarwood Dr.
0721 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0808 – larceny from auto, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0828 – threat, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0941 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1039 – missing person, Bemis Rd.
2135 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Center Dr.
2235 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr./Van Buren St.
2247 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pine Dr./Maple
Also on this log are 166 traffic stops, with 49 of them on the I-275 and I-94 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 16:

0136 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.
0158 – civil matter, E. Columbia Ave.
0854 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1115 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Carmell
1404 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
1408 – vehicle lock out, Main St.
1524 – parking complaint, Liberty St. /Fourth St.
1807 – civil matter, Main St./Roys St.
1818 – breaking & entering, Church of God
Monday, June 17:
1003 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1122 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1709 – sexual assault, Owen St.
1715 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1811 – motorist assist, S. Liberty/E. Columbia
1924 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
2237 – follow up by officer, E. Hospital Dr.
2309 – parking complaint, Main St.

Tuesday, June 18:

0435 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.
0818 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1003 – private property impound, South St.
1422 – harassment call, Main St.
1448 – road hazard, Fourth St./Main St.
1525 – disorderly, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia
1612 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1642 – malicious destruction of property, Carmell
1716 – assist fire dept., Carmell
1726 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1809 – vehicle lock out, Breakwater Ct.
2105 – parking complaint, High St.
2234 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

Wednesday, June 19:

0448 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1049 – assist citizen, Belle Villa Blvd.
1329 – family trouble, W. Waterbury Ct.
1703 – assist citizen, Belle Villa Blvd.
2156 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.

Thursday, June 20:

0031 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
1552 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1638 – parking complaint, Henry/dead end
1642 – assist other dept., S. Edgemont Ave.
2059 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.

Friday, June 21:

0138 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
0620 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1452 – malicious destruction of property, E. Huron River Dr. / Loza Ln.
1709 – malicious destruction of property, Loza Ln.
1824 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1954 – noise complaint, Henry St.
2034 – neighbor trouble, Oxford Ct.
2346 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, June 22:

0114 – warrant arrest, Main St.
0214 – suicidal person, Edison Ave.
0746 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1011 – road hazard, Main St.
1052 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont Ave./Robbe St.
1221 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1318 – property damage accident, High St. /W. Columbia Ave.
1449 – ordinance violation, Angola St./Roland St.
1656 – property damage accident, Main St./First
1951 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2120 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
Also on this week’s log are 15 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 16:

0055 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0312 – civil dispute, 5100 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0747 – fire dept. assist, Timberlane
0942 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Carleton West
1636 – mental health commitment, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1712 – well-being check, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1816 – traffic hazard, Haggerty/Judd
2124 – fireworks complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.

Monday, June 17:

0032 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0820 – property damage accident, 46000 bl. Willis
1132 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1210 – animal complaint, Bemis/Rawsonville
1243 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1249 – ordinance violation, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1750 – animal complaint, Wear/Sherwood

Tuesday, June 18:

0108 – civil dispute, 5100 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0842 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1116 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Martinsville
1305 – animal complaint, Greenmeadow
1312 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1521 – mental health commitment, 21000 bl. Clark
1535 – harassment complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1732 – warrant arrest pick up, New Mexico
1753 – threats complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1816 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1857 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1902 – property damage accident, Martinsville / Judd
2033 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
2229 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2245 – alarm, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
2308 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Wednesday, June 19:

0850 – traffic hazard, Elwell/Willow
0932 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
0949 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1224 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1253 – neighbor dispute, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz
1527 – larceny, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1538 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Kozma
1641 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1715 – shots fired, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
1749 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1815 – traffic hazard, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1825 – alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2046 – ORV complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.

Thursday, June 20:

0024 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0610 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0850 – animal complaint, Willow/Sumpter
1141 – assist other agency, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1508 – fraud complaint, Redwood
1609 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1755 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1939 – ORV complaint, Arkona/Martinsville
2153 – suspicious vehicle, 8100 bl. Rawsonville

Friday, June 21:

0820 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Willow
0950 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1441 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1543 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1658 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1708 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.
1732 – harassment complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1911 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1917 – death investigation, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1952 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood
2202 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2307 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Wear

Saturday, June 22:

0623 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1104 – civil dispute, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1151 – citizen assist, Carriage Ln.
1820 – well-being check, Wayside Dr.
1821 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1842 – larceny, Rustic Ln.
2058 – assault, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2225 – fireworks complaint, California/Nevada
2237 – suspicious incident, 8700 bl. Rawsonville
2306 – noise complaint, Carriage Ln.

Also on this week’s log are eight follow-up investigations, 15 miscellaneous details, 33 patrol checks, and 57 traffic stops.

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The Michigan Department of Natural

Resources permit for the fireworks requires the lake closing and Wayne County Sheriff Deputies and Van Buren Township Marine Patrol will be on the lake to turn boats away from this area.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township, Michigan SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE 13-3(a)

On the 11th day of June 2019, the Sumpter Township enacted Sumpter Township Ordinance Amending and Restating the Township Blight Ordinance. The following is a summary of that Ordinance:

Purpose and Enforcement of Ordinance: Consistent with Act No. 344 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1945 (MCL 125.71 et seq. and MSA 5.3501 et seq.) as amended, it is the Purpose of this Ordinance to prevent, reduce or eliminate blight or potential blight in the Township to prevent a diminution in the value of property, and undesirable neighborhoods. The Ordinance shall be enforced by persons designated by the Township Board.

Prohibited Storage: No storage upon owned, leased, or occupied property of an automobile, truck, trailer, motorcycle, or other vehicle required to be licensed for use upon the highways and not equipped with a current valid license plate or which is inoperative, or building materials, concrete, electrical wiring or equipment, heating ducts or equipment, nails, screws, plumbing materials, shingles, or other materials generally used in the construction of a structure, and articles, equipment, machinery, or parts thereof, appliances, remnants of wood, metal or other cast off material, junk, rubbish, trash or refuse of any kind stored for more than 30 days, or any other materials which appears from reasonable observation to be discarded, unused, abandoned, or in a state of disrepair.

Prohibited Actions: No repairing, redesigning, modifying, dismantling or salvaging work or operations shall be allowed upon any vehicle, motor vehicle, trailer upon property that is not specifically zoned for and approved for any such operations. This section shall not prevent the operation of any licensed junkyard, salvage yard, garage, body or paint shop, which is legally operating within a properly zoned area and which was approved by the Township Planning Commission or Township Board. No person shall maintain or permit on any property for a period exceeding ten (10) days, any structure or part thereof which because of fire, wind, other disaster, or physical deterioration is no longer habitable nor useful for any other purpose for which it may have been originally intended, any vacant dwelling, garage, or other structure which is not kept securely locked and neatly boarded up or otherwise is not protected to prevent entrance thereto by vandals.

Notice to Abate and Enforcement. The owner or occupant of property upon which any of the causes of blight or nuisances set forth in this Ordinance are found to exist, shall be notified in writing to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or nuisance within 10 days of notice. Notice may be served personally or by registered mail. Additional time may be granted by the enforcement officer where bona fide efforts to remove or eliminate such causes of blight, blighting factors or a nuisance is in progress.

Failure to Comply. Failure to comply with an issued 10 day notice to eliminate the causes of blight set forth herein, shall constitute a violation and may result in the removal by the Township of the blight and sale of items removed and costs assessed to remediate the property. The violator may be charged with a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both or alternatively subject to a civil fine for the violation of this Ordinance of not more than \$200.00 for a first offense, \$350.00 for a second offense, and \$500.00 for a third or subsequent offense.

The entire Ordinance referenced herein may be viewed in the Sumpter Township Clerk's office located at 23480 Sumpter Road, Sumpter Township, Mi. during the hours of 8:30 to 4:30 daily.

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